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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No: CM/16/21/PL
Site Address: Bairds Farm Shop, Garden Centre Crookthorn Lane Climping BN17 5SN
Description of works: Convert existing on site storage to picnic area with fast food Cafe. This application may affect the setting of a Listed Building. This application is in CIL Zone 5 (Zero Rated) as other development.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 20th June 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC37560

We are writing to object to this planning application. It is out of character and contrary to the design guide of the Clymping neighbourhood plan. When the land was sold to Maidenhead Aquatics (CM/30/18/PO) less than 3 years ago, assurances were made to Clymping residents in the planning statement that 'Visual impact will not be altered' and 'This development will not intensify the site visits which in turn will not cause further congestion on the A259.'

Building a drive thru restaurant as a separate entity to the shop already established on the site would undoubtedly increase site visits and cause further congestion as the clientele is not the same. Noise, pollution and litter in the area will increase. It was reported In the Journal of Nature Sustainability that take out consumer items make up the largest share (almost half) of global ocean litter, with England one of the top three contributors in Europe. The council should be actively discouraging this 'take away' culture and encouraging only sit down establishments, using reusable cutlery and crockery.

A drive thru is not needed at this site. There are numerous drive thru establishments less than 5 miles from this site already - at Crossbush, Oldlands Way Bognor and the Rustington bypass to name just 3, plus many eating places in nearby Littlehampton. A report on 'The effect of fast food restaurants on obesity' (NBER working paper 14721) states that proximity to fast food outlets significantly increase the risk of obesity. Proximity to fast food reduces the cost of fast food, principally travel cost, and easier access tempts consumers who have self-control problems. The NHS website states that 67% of British men and 60% of women are overweight or obese. Once again, Arun Council should be taking a stand on this issue and not adding to the problem by passing planning that is directly linked with the obesity crisis.

There is supposed to be no new build south of the A259 in order to preserve the 'Clymping Gap'. Approving planning applications such as the dementia care home, and this drive thru will leave Clymping in a very precarious position if a major fast food chain or housing development company applied for permission to

build.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-decision-process>.

Some applications will be determined by the Planning Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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